

## Board of Coal Mine Examiners Meeting

The following is a summary of the August 17, 2006, meeting

- I. Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Frank Linkous, Chairman. Members present were Frank Linkous, Gerald Kendrick, Kenneth Johnson, Joseph Buchanan and Arvil McConnell, Jr. All Board members were present.**
- II. Opening statement delivered by Frank Linkous, Chairman**
- III. Welcomed newly appointed Member, Kenneth Johnson**
- IV. Review of cases of Virginia certificate holders**
  - **Jeffery Darrell Jones**  
**Board Decision: First Class Mine Foreman certification placed on a one-year probation. Must retake and successfully complete the “mining laws” and mine records sections of the First Class Mine Foreman examination within the next 30 days. Another violation within one year could require appearance before the Board.**
  - **Bryon Salyers**  
**Board Decision: First Class Mine Foreman certification suspended for one year and prohibit work that requires this certification at any Virginia coal mine during the period. Prior to taking a position as a First Class Mine Foreman in Virginia subsequent to the one-year suspension, must notify this Agency in writing and must retake and successfully complete the “mining laws” and mine records sections of the First Class Mine Foreman examination. From the time position is taken, First Class Mine Foreman certification will be placed on a one-year probation.**
  - **Darrell Stacy**  
**Board Decision: First Class Mine Foreman certification suspended for 30 days and prohibit work that requires this certification at any Virginia coal mine. Must retake and successfully complete the “mining laws” and mine records sections of the First Class Mine Foreman examination within the next 30 days. A one-year probationary period from date of reinstatement.**
  - **Preston Stanley**  
**Board Decision: Surface Foreman certification placed on six-month probation. Another violation within six months could require appearance before the Board. Must retake and successfully complete the “mining laws” and mine records sections of the Surface Foreman examination within the next 30 days.**

- **Alex Barnett, Jr.**  
**Board Decision: Surface Foreman certification placed on six-month probation. Another violation within six months could require appearance before the Board. Must retake and successfully complete the “mining laws” and mine records sections of the Surface Foreman examination within the next 30 days**
- **Robert Tackitt**  
**Board Decision: Surface Foreman certification placed on six-month probation. Another violation within six months could require appearance before the Board. Must retake and successfully complete the “mining laws” and mine records sections of the Surface Foreman examination within the next 30 days.**

**V. Discussion of Board Issues**

- **Substance abuse as it relates to miners**
- **Division of Mines to notify miners whose certifications are suspended by Kentucky and who hold certifications in Virginia of requirements to appear before the Board prior to performing certified duties in Virginia.**
- **Reviewed language drafted by the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy proposing amendments to the Coal Mine Safety Act which relates to BCME activities. The Board voted unanimously to go forward with the proposed amendments.**

**VI. Adjournment – 5:00 PM**